

Our Witness to God's Grace

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***So faith, hope, & love abide, but the greatest of
these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13***

June 29, 2011

Leaders

Being a church leader is hard work. It's more than just honor, fame and glory. When we take up leadership in the church, we're joining in what God is doing and bringing others along with us.

Here are some of the things I look for in leaders:

Faith. We need leaders who have faith in Christ and demonstrate that faith in the way they live.

Character: Leaders exhibit the Fruit of the Spirit in their lives. They cultivate that fruit to be even more fruitful.

Dependability. When a leader says he'll do something, he does it.

Passion. Leaders demonstrate a passion for Jesus and a passion for people.

Commitment. Leaders are regular in worship and giving.

Growing. Leaders are continually seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus. They are opportunists, looking for ways to grow and to bless others.

Action. Even when they don't have official positions real leaders are always looking for ways to contribute and make things happen.

Relationships. Leaders are able to get along with others. They practice forgiveness, encouragement and love.

Here are some things that tell me a person is not ready for leadership:

Negativity. While it is always possible to find things that aren't the way they ought to be, the leader sees the gap between current reality and builds a bridge to where we need to do. The non-leader just gripes.

Entitlement. Non-leaders major on what they deserve, not on what they can contribute. They lack humility.

Spectators. Non-leaders are spectators. They watch other people do things. If asked directly under the right circumstances, they might step up. Leaders don't merely watch and wait.

Osmosis. Non-leaders expect themselves to grow automatically just by being in a particular environment. Real leaders take responsibility for their own growth and the growth of others.

Our annual time for selecting leaders is coming soon. We need more leaders – real leaders, not just placeholders. Maybe you'll be one. You can begin the process now by seeking to become the right kind of person.

Youth Ministry 7th-12th grade

July 6th- 6:00-8:00 p.m.

July 12th-17th-Youth 2011 in West, Lafayette, Indiana at Purdue University.

July 20th-6:00-8:00 p.m.

July 27th- Heifer Village in Little Rock, Arkansas.

We will leave at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch money, there is also a gift shop.



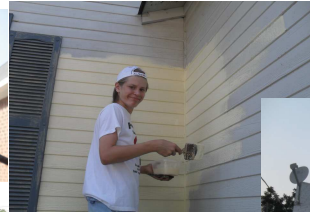
Some of the participants in the **30 Sec. Hoop Shoot**. We raised over \$465.00 for Nothing But Nets.



Local Mission Project. A group from our church turned out to paint a house for someone in need on Clayton St.



Walk-A-Thon raised over \$1,400.00 to buy shoes for school children in need.



Tweens Ministry

For pre-teens going into the 5th and 6th grade

Tweens Schedule for July

July 5th and July 19th

We will meet from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Winner of the 30 Sec. Hoop Shoot was Jackson Yantis pictured in the middle. Joining him are Wade Yantis and Makayla Morgan



Children's Ministry News

Vacation Bible School Report:

VBS was the week of June 13th through the 17th.



We hosted 110 kids!

40 adults and youth helped!

We collected \$336 for Nothing But Nets!

We learned that God made us, God listens to us, God watches over us, God loves us no matter what, and that God gives good gifts. God's greatest gift is that He loves us and because of His love He sent Jesus to die for us.



Happy
Birthday
to YOU



July

Amy Applegate	1
Jackson Yantis	2
Sam Higuera	3
Gary Faulkner	
Gloria Groce	4
Deborah Faulkner	
Ted Trimble	5
Eli Leake	
James Westfall	6
Nancy Nyland	8
InaLou Waldrep	9
Sharon Law	
Ashton Presley	10
Johnny Koller	12
Marian Morris	
Staci Yarbrough	
Russ Knox	13
Parker Sewell	
Bob Ritchie	15
Jake Richardson	
Debra Lewis	17
Connie Fleming	
Collin Schneider	
Frankie King	18
Chad Spearman	
Tyler Lee	19
James Copeland	20
Jay Jones	22
Rebekah Trimble	
Jackie Rogers	23
Joshua Clemens	24
Mary Jean Parker	
Tim Spearman	
Richard Heyduck	
Mark Lawrence	26
Jeff Collins	
Andrew Jameson	
Ron Rutz	27
Joe Westbrook	
Rex Duncan	28
David Abernathy III	
Ashley Mikel	
Jeremy Loyd	30
Gray McWhorter	
C.D. Prince	
Roger Lothrop	
Zella Minchew	
Brenda Barnwell	31



Thank you to everyone who volunteered in some way during the week. Thank you to everyone who donated food, money or other items to help with VBS. Thank you also goes to the Pittsburgh Fire Dept who brought a big fire truck and visited with the Preschoolers on Tuesday of VBS.

Thanks so much to everyone who gave cookies and money for our Vacation Bible School snack time. Kids, Youth, and Adults sure did enjoy each day's surprises.

We had a very successful hot dog dinner after the program for the children and their families. The week was a happy and fun time for all of us. Our blessings to everyone!

Barbara Becerra & Jane Elwonger

Financial Snapshot



For the month of June 2011

Income \$ 26,544.78

(does not include May 29)

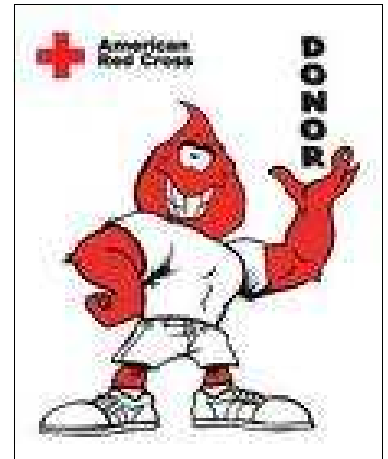
Expenses \$ 27,951.30

Principal balance of Sanctuary loan
\$ 57,924.46

Principal balance of Ministry Center loan
\$ 184,645.29

Our next Blood Drive will be on September 18th in the Ministry Center. It's a great opportunity to help save a life. It only takes a little of your time, but could make a lifetime of difference to someone else.

We are looking for a Blood Drive Coordinator for our church. On the job training will be available at September's Drive. Call Karyn Skaar at 903.856.2899 for more information.



A BIG thank you to **Rickie Rape** for supplying manpower and a trailer to move the Christmas trees from the sanctuary. An additional big thank you to **Stephen, Jason and Jake Rape, Ferron Bernard and Chris Miller** for supplying the muscle needed for the job.

-Vicki, Mary, Linda A and Linda G



Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for the huge gift basket that you gave me on Senior Sunday.

Everything was an absolute necessity.

Thank you so much! Thank you for the support!

Thank you,
Kathryn Smith



Coming the last week in July

"Sing a Rainbow"

Day Camp

Children ages 4 and 5

What: Music Day Camp for the little guys

When: July 25-29

9:30-12:00 each day

Cost: Free

Advance registration necessary and enrollment size will be limited. Registration forms will be available soon. If you have questions, please call Gloria Alewine at 903.856.2950,



To Celebrate
50
Years of Marriage
For
Neal and Linda O'Quinn
Their Family
Invite You To Join Them
Sunday, July 24, 2011
3 to 5 P.M.
Our Place
114 Jefferson
Pittsburg, Texas

No Gifts Please

Gifts given in Memory & in Honor

Given in memory of:

Darlene Gutowsky

Marlene Groce

Ray Ware

Bob Means

Ira Smith

Tom & Ann Mathis

Doyle McClung

Dr. Ted Trimble

Jean Williams

BettyJac Pinar

Bill & Bobby Winston

Given by:

Elroy & Faye Turrentine

Peggy Busby

Benjy & Betty Vickers

Joe & Jackie Westbrook

Bob & Beverly Ritchie

Margueritte Epps

Diane Reeves

Harry Mathis

Charles & Jane Elwonger

Dennis & Betty Ann Harrel

Charles & Jane Elwonger

Sherri Fitzgerald

Clyde Ruffin

Bill & Katherine Frazier

Sherri Fitzgerald

Tommy & Alice Goodwin

Margueritte Epps

James & Gloria Westfall



Kenneth & WillAnne Taft

Bob & Beverly Ritchie

Dick & Jenny White

Barbara Becerra

Larry & Carol Shelton

Neal & Linda O'Quinn

Charles & Jane Elwonger

Given in Honor of:

Don & Lil Malone

Neal & Linda O'Quinn

Given by:

Sherri Fitzgerald

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Dear Church Committee,

Thank you so much for sending me all of the gifts that I will use during college.

The Bible is beautiful! Thank you so much!

Thank you, Savannah

Ministry Need...

God's Closet needs dry cereal and jelly (regular size). Tubs are in the front doors of the Sanctuary or you may drop items at the office.

A Voice from the Past



Rev. Randy Smith, pastor here in the late 1980s and early 1990s, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 31. I first met Randy when he was here in Pittsburg. Back in 1989 I was pastoring across the district in Queen City and had to come to Pittsburg for an ordination interview. I've known Randy even since. After leaving Pittsburg Randy served a number of appointments throughout the conference. He retired last year, but his wife Sandy (pastor at St. Andrew UMC in Mt Pleasant when Randy was in Pittsburg) serves as District Superintendent for the Northwest District. Randy currently helps out in our district, consulting with churches and pastors.

Testimony Sunday

In our worship on Sunday, July 3, we're going to have a time of testimony. I'll begin by exploring what the Bible has to say about being a witness, but I'd prefer my words in that area be few. It will do us all good to hear from the rest of you. So what we'll be doing is inviting you to share a word of testimony in worship. You might tell story of how you came to faith in Christ. You might tell of one of your experiences in prayer or in ministry. You might tell of an experience that helped you know God better.

These testimonies need not be long, they need not be polished (though it doesn't hurt to give some thought to them in advance). They will come from old and young alike. I'm praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to spur on the testimony. Will you join me in prayer for this? As you pray, will you also ask God for a testimony to share – and the boldness to do it? Also pray the same for others.

Why share a testimony? Here are some good reasons:

- When you share a testimony, you put your experience into words. This helps you understand that experience better.
- Others can gain new insight into the character and faithfulness of God
- As people hear of God's work in your life, they might gain the courage to step out and trust God as you have.

From the Worship Committee...

Ushers, Greeters and Scripture Readers are needed for both the Early and Late Services. Ushers serve for one month at a time, while Greeters serve one Sunday per month. Training will be arranged for new volunteers. If you are willing to serve, please contact Alice Goodwin at 903.856.6433 or by email at t.l.goodwin@att.net

Your participation will be appreciated.

Hero Sunday

Sunday, July 10, we will be acknowledging the "HEROS" of our community during 2nd service. Following that service everyone is invited to a "Hero Sandwich" lunch. Church members, please bring chips or a dessert. And if you happen to know law enforcement officers, EMT's, nurses, doctors, firemen etc., please extend to them a personal invitation to come July 10, dressed in their uniforms/work clothes.

Our Witness

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Place Label Here

Witnessing with Warm Hearts

IN THE HOSPITAL OR REHAB

Stacy Clayton
Betty Whitlock
Cooper Rhods
Patrick Lloyd
Heather Quinn
Annette Gilbert
Savannah Faulkner
Kean Castaneda
InaLou Waldred

RECOVERING

Carolyn Green
Lavelle Arnold
Paul Hutchison, Sr.
Tommy Stewart
Buddy Rogers
Willie Coldsnow
Wanda Massey
Katherine Duncan
Baby Kyler
Melanie Heldman
Billie Weatherford
Joe Quito
Brooke Spearman
Bobby Doss

NURSING HOME, ASSISTED LIVING, HOME BOUND

Marion Morris
Helen Murphy
Nobie Parker
Ruby Black
Lena Wilson
Georgie Hays
Tori Peace
Jimmie Feagin
Berl Parker
Connie &
James Parker
Laverne Abernathy
Flora Thedford
Leola Watts
Janice Geary
Marie Woodard

OTHER PRAYERS

U S & its leaders
Bill & Mary Heyduck
John Malone
Kathy Wootten
Wade Schane
James Black
Aaron Duncan
Unemployment in area
Revolutionary ferment

in Middle East
No. & So. Korea
People of Haiti
Sue Cash Henslee
Julie Thompson
Hank Chavers
Randall Brown
Baby Trevino
Rose Loving's brother
Scott Higuera
Connie Taylor
Kay Fambrough
Kristi Segari
Tiffany O'Quinn
Donald Myers
Daphne Coker
Brandi Denson
PHS Parenting House
Gary Dodd
Tina Immel
Don Woodard
Randy Bates
Jennifer Hill
Misty Peritore
John Quintana
Tornado victims
Jacqueline Broad
David Baskin
Rose Loving

Shorty Irby
Ty McCuller
Ray Dunbar
Diane Lothrop
Guatemala Mission
Boy Scouts traveling
Wildfire victims
Pray for rain

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Our church to grow
Pray for staff
Youth Ministry
Children's Ministry
Church Finances
Sr. Adult Ministry
Ministry Center
Renovations
Hispanic Ministry
ESL Class
Tween's ministry
God's Closet
Church Camp

DEATHS

Family of L. Williams

MILITARY HEROS

All those serving our

great country & their
families
Dan Oosterhaus
Brice Towles
Jason Dean
Steven Forbing
Ryan Allen
Joshua Bernethy
Bryant Wills
Anthony Gibson
Cary Alan Stark
Ed Hendricks
Mathew Tillman
Chris Smith
Mychal "Cobie" Ouzts
Lt. Col Jason Morris
"Darkhorse" battalion
Paul Carlock
Cpt. Phillip Carter
Nathan

The next Newsletter will be published on July 27, 2011. The deadline for article submission for that publication will be on Friday, July 22nd, by noon.

Pittsburg First United Methodist Church July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00pm Game Night	2
3 8:45am Early Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:55am Late Worship 5:00pm MYF	4 Office Closed 8:00pm AA @ Rock	5 10:00am Tweens 12:00pm Book Study 7:00pm ESL	6 6:30am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Prayer Team Ministry 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm S.A.L.T. 6:00pm Youth 6:45pm Choir	7 8:00pm AA	8	9 wedding cates
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